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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Frost et al. Attorney Docket No: BIOL0017
Serial No: 09/976,237 Group Art Unit: 2877
Filed: October 12, 2001 Examiner:
Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR READING REPORTER LABELED BEADS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS:

Please amend the above-identified patent application as noted below in the clean and marked-up version of the amendments. The amendment is being filed to correct an error in a claim to priority. As originally filed, the application failed to indicate the relationship between the present application and copending application 09/939,292. A clean version of the amendments is shown below. A marked-up copy of the amendments follows this response and is entitled MARKED-UP VERSION OF THE AMENDMENTS.

CLEAN VERSION OF THE AMENDMENTS

Amendment to the Specification

In the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

On Page 1, the paragraph beginning at line 4 should be replaced with the following.

This application is based on prior copending provisional application Serial No. 60/240,125, filed on October 12, 2000, and prior copending provisional application Serial No. 60/242,734, filed on October 23, 2000, the benefits of the filing dates of which are hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e). This application is further a continuation-in-part of prior copending conventional application No. 09/939,292, filed on August 24, 2001, which is based on a prior provisional application Serial No. 60/228,076, filed on August 25, 2000, the benefits of the filing dates of which are hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) and under 35 U.S.C. § 120.

REMARKS

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-59 are now pending in the present application, new Claims 2-59 having been added by a previous preliminary amendment. The present amendment is directed toward correcting a typographical error in a claim to priority, to facilitate the completion of previously submitted Request for a Corrected Filing Receipt.

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